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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Soviet Russia Division

THROUGH : SR/COP/PP

SUBJECT : Monthly Report of Project AERODYNAMIC for the period of  
1 March to 31 March 1958

Case Officer :

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Renewal Date : 1 July 1958

Organizational Data:

No Change.

Personnel Matters:

No Change

Security Developments:

AECASSOWARY 2 was informed that Prolog Associates will have to move to new quarters due to the fact that the next-door apartment on the 14th floor is occupied by a couple who have had Communist connections in the past. Plans are being made to move as soon as suitable, secure quarters are located.

Summary of Activities:

1. Radio. During the month of March, eight tapes were prepared by Prolog Associates and transmitted over Radio PYREX for a total of 75 transmitter hours. In addition to weekly summaries of world news and news of Ukrainian activities, the broadcasts included articles on the following themes:

A. Activities of Ukrainian emigration in the West disturbs the Communist occupants of Ukraine.

B. Examples of Russian Imperialism in Ukraine.

C. Do Worker's Councils Exist in the USSR and Ukraine?

D. Ukraine--so-called Sovereign nation with no diplomatic relations with other Sovereign nations.

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E. Proposed liquidation of MTS Stations.

F. Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Planned Hunger in Ukraine.

G. Communist reaction to official participation of U.S. and Canadian leaders in Ukrainian celebrations of 40th Anniversary of Free Ukrainian State.

H. Moscow colonialists in role of protectors of African nations.

I. Khrushchev in role of pacifist and humanist.

J. Russification of Ukraine on basis of new facts.

K. New exploitation of Ukrainian workers.

2. Publications. Publication of the newspapers, "Suchasna Ukraina," and "Ukrainskyi Samostiynik" have continued. All articles for the first 1958 issue of "Prolog Magazine" have now been received and are now being typed. Printing and distribution of the magazine is planned for late April. The "Digest of the Soviet Ukrainian Press" has been continued as a monthly by-product of the research activities of Prolog Associates. Its list of subscribers is increasing and favorable comments indicate that the digest is filling an important need in the field of Soviet studies. Copies are now available in the Agency main and branch libraries and in various interested DDP and FI components.

3. Mailing Operations. During March 6,000 copies of the Ukrainian language "Information Bulletin" were mailed into the Soviet Ukraine from 8 countries in the West. At the same time contacts have been established with over 30 Ukrainians in Poland who are mailing the "Information Bulletin" to their contacts in the Ukraine. Several of these Ukrainians in Poland are now regularly mailing or relaying books received from the AECASSOWARIES into the Ukraine.

4. Brussels Fair. European representatives of the AECASSOWARY group have rented space in a Brussels bookstore for the period of the Brussels Fair. They plan to display scholarly Ukrainian works unavailable in the Soviet Ukraine, as well as similar prohibited works in Polish, Russian, Czech, and other Slavic languages. The bookstore will also feature Ukrainian emigre newspapers, pamphlets and leaflets and a window display featuring the materials available as well as a display of Ukrainian painting and ceramic work in the emigration. It is planned to have a Ukrainian-speaking individual in charge of the book action in order to aid the Soviet tourists in their requests and to answer any questions they might have about the position of the Ukrainian emigration in the West, and their continuing fight for an independent Ukraine.

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In connection with the Brussels Fair, the AECASSOWARY group has encouraged several of their Ukrainian contacts in Poland to obtain permission to come to Brussels for the Fair. Some of these Ukrainians have recently made trips to the Soviet Ukraine, or will soon be going there, and could provide valuable operational information.

Evaluation of Effectiveness:

In the first quarter of 1958, there has been a steady increase in the number of attacks in the Soviet Ukrainian press against the Ukrainian emigration, the Ukrainian Nationalists and separatists abroad, and Ukrainian "bourgeois nationalists" in the Ukraine. This would seem to indicate that the PP activities of ZP/UHVR as well as other Ukrainian emigre organizations are having an appreciable effect in the Soviet Ukraine. Whereas attacks in the past have been aimed at the Ukrainian emigration in general, or at the most at the "Banderivtsi" (a general term designating Ukrainian nationalists), they now attack specific organizations, individuals (including AECASSOWARY 2) and even attack specific policies of these organizations.

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